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ALL SORTS OF ADS FOR
ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE
See Times-Dispatch Want Pages for a
Service of Unequalled Value

PRICE, TWO CENTS.

AUTHORIZE NEW STATION ON SITE OF HERMITAGE

R., F. & P. and Coast Line
Directors Empower Exec-
utives to Proceed.

UNITE IN STATEMENT AS
TO PROPOSED LOCATION

Reasons Why Main Street and
Rosenath Sites Are Both
Discarded.

CHAMBER DIRECTORS CALLED

Business Men Much Divided as to
Desirability of Railroads'
Project.

To the long and varied history of
the union station controversy, the
Richmond, Fredericksburg and Po-
tomac and Atlantic Coast Line Rail-
roads added an unexpected new chapter
yesterday, with a joint statement
setting forth the intention of the two
roads, as early as practicable, to con-
struct a new passenger terminal on the
Hermitage Golf Club property.

The announcement came unexpectedly.
On March 17, apparently in re-
sponse to public demands and against
its own matured judgment, the board
of directors of the Richmond, Fred-
ericksburg and Potomac Railroad
unanimously adopted a resolution ap-
proving the location of the joint pas-
senger depot at the intersection of
Broad Street and the Belt Line. This
plan, it appears, the Atlantic Coast
Line found it impracticable to approve.

DECISION IS REACHED
AT SEPARATE MEETINGS

The decision announced in yester-
day's official statement was reached
separately by the boards of directors
of the two roads assembled Thursday
at New York. The statement makes no
reference to the Richmond, Fredericks-
burg and Potomac action of March 17.

It was made public over the signa-
ture of President William H. White,
of this road, and Chairman Henry
Walters, of the board of directors of
the Atlantic Coast Line.

Both roads appeal to the people of
Richmond to yield their preferences
for other sites and acquiesce in the
selection finally made. The statement
takes notice of the division of opinion
that has obtained, and carries the ob-
vious inference that the decision of
the two roads to build a joint pas-
senger station on the Hermitage site
was reached after considering all the
conflicting interests, and in the in-
terest of a continuance of the divi-
sion of opinion will not hurt the work.

ALL THROUGH TRAINS
WILL ENTER THIS STATION

In selecting the Hermitage site as
the location for the new station, the
assurance is given that all through trains
interchanging between the two roads
will be brought into this station unless
a station is later built at the Belt line
and Broad Street. The assurance is
obviously given to still the fear ex-
pressed in some quarters that the erec-
tion of a back-in station at the Hermitage
site will mean that the through
passenger trains will pass Richmond
by, discharging their passengers at
some point on the Belt Line.

Work on the new station, it is
stated, will begin as soon as possible,
and "it is hoped and believed that it
will be completed within the time the
Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac
Railroad Company is required to elevate
or depress the tracks on Broad and
Belvidere Streets."

At the executive offices of the Rich-
mond, Fredericksburg and Potomac
Railroad Company, it was stated yester-
day that it was stated unofficially that
the road expect to begin work on the
preliminary grading and excavation
within sixty days, and that, unless
there is a hitch not now foreseen, trains
will be operated from the new Hermitage
station within a year after work
is begun. The completion of the station
building proper will require some
time longer.

SIGNED STATEMENT
ISSUED BY RAILROADS

The following signed statement was
issued from the New York offices of
the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad yester-
day:

The respective boards of directors of
the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Com-
pany and the Richmond, Fredericksburg
and Potomac Railroad Company to-day,
by unanimous vote, authorized their
executives to build new joint passenger
terminals and station at the Hermitage,
or old Fair Grounds.

Three sites were suggested for this
(Continued on Second Page.)

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HOME ECONOMICS

Buy-Right Hints for
the Thrifty Housewife

Richmond's marts of fashion
give voice to spring in the ad-
vertising pages of The Times-
Dispatch. The big stores and
the shops of exclusive special-
ties exploit the abundance of
their offerings, the richness of
variety, the authority of style,
the assurance of values and the
lowest prices in these columns.
Every feminine thought of
dress now is pro-Easter, and
the lively interest displayed in
secondary to your shopping.

NOTE—The Times-Dispatch guarantees a marked saving on every purchase
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Name Shakespeare Used as Disguise

Judge Tutill in Illinois Cir-
cuit Court Holds That Francis
Bacon Is the Author.

CHICAGO, April 21.—Francis Bacon

was declared to be the author of the
works of William Shakespeare in a
decision rendered in an injunction suit
to-day by Judge Richard S. Tutill, in
the Circuit Court.

The decision dissolved an injunction
issued on the petition of William N.
Selig, motion-picture manufacturer, to
restrain George Fabyan, publisher, and
others from completing publication of
books supporting the Baconian theory.

The court held that the name Shake-
speare had been used simply as a dis-
guise.

The claim of friends of Francis
Bacon, the court said, "that he is the
author of the works of Shakespeare,
and the facts and circumstances in the
vast bibliography of the controversy
over the question of proofs submitted
herein, convince the court that Francis
Bacon is the author."

BOTH TO GET DRY DOCKS

House Naval Affairs Committee De-
cides in Favor of Both Norfolk
and Philadelphia.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, April 21.—Both Nor-
folk and Philadelphia will get naval
dry docks. The House Naval Affairs
Committee has decided to construct
two immense naval docks on the At-
lantic coast, and one will be placed at
the Norfolk Navy-Yard and the other at
Philadelphia.

This decision compromises a three-
year fight between these two cities for
the proposed \$10,000,000 dry dock, the
construction of which has been recom-
mended by the Navy Department in
order to repair the largest warships
Philadelphia docked Norfolk getting it
for three years, the Virginia city being
recommended as the site by the de-
partment officials. The Norfolk and
Philadelphia yards will also be given
building ways so that battleships can
be built there.

MUNITION WORKERS STRIKE

Labor Leaders Claim That Majority of
Employees in Entire Westinghouse
Plant Will Join To-Day.

PITTSBURGH, April 21.—A strike
which threatens to tie up the plant
of the Westinghouse Electric and Man-
ufacturing Company, in East Pitts-
burgh, was called today. Labor
leaders claim that 6,500 men and
women already have quit work, and that
a majority of the employees in the
entire plant, will join the strikers to-
morrow. President E. M. Herr, of the
company, denied that more than 2,000
were out. The company employs 18,000
persons. The strikers ask for an eight-hour day, an increase in wages
and the reinstatement of two dis-
charged members of the organization.
Many of those out now are employed
in departments making war munitions.

RICHMOND MAN NAMED

J. B. Pinder Elected as Member of
Executive Board of Southern Har-
dware Jobbers' Association.

BERMINGHAM, ALA., April 21.—
Frederick Orghil, of Memphis, was re-
elected president of the Southern Har-
dware Jobbers' Association at the clos-
ing session here to-day. Houston,
Tex., was named as the next meeting
place.

Other officers elected were: W. C.
Thomas, Tampa, vice-president; W. M.
Pittkin, New Orleans; Bruce Keener,
Knoxville; John B. Pinder, Richmond,
and E. A. Peden, members of the ex-
ecutive board.

JOHN H. SURRATT DEAD

Last Survivor of Corps of Alleged Con-
spirators Tried for Implication in
Plot to Assassinate Lincoln.

BALTIMORE, April 21.—John Har-
rison Surratt, last survivor of the corps
of alleged conspirators tried for im-
plication in the plot to assassinate
Abraham Lincoln, died here to-night.
He was seventy-two years old.

Mr. Surratt retired as general freight
agent of the Baltimore and Chesapeake
Steam Packet Company several years
ago.

FRENCH MAKE PROGRESS
NEAR DEAD MAN'S HILL

PARIS, April 21.—The French con-
tinued to make progress in the region
of Dead Man's Hill, on the Verdun
front, in the fighting of last night.
The War Office announcement this af-
ternoon reports the capture of German
trenches and of four officers and 150
men.

East of the Meuse a fierce German
(Continued on Second Page.)

GERMANS BOMBARDING FORTS AROUND VERDUN

Attacks Especially Severe in Posi-
tions Near Le Mort Homme and
From Meuse to Vaux.

INFANTRY QUIET DURING DAY

Paris Records Occupation of Portion
of Crater Made by German Mine
in Argonne Forest—Tentons on
Offensive Against Russians.

On all the forts around Verdun the
Germans are heavily bombarding
French positions, especially those oc-
cupied by the French in their last at-
tack around Le Mort Homme, north-
west of the fortress, and in the sector
west from the eastern bank of the Meuse
to Vaux. No infantry action has
taken place around Verdun, although
Paris records the occupation of a por-
tion of a crater made by a German
mine in the Argonne forest.

The Tentons in East Gabel, near
Ponovagora, went on the offensive
against the Russians, but Petrograd
reports that their efforts were without
result. The bombardment by the Ger-
mans of the Russians holding the
Dukov bridgehead is still in progress.

Further south of this point, west of
Orsk and north of Moutkav, the
Germans escaped an attempt against
Russian trenches, but were repulsed.

On the Austro-Italian front there
have been the usual artillery duels,
and at various points small infantry
engagements. At no point, however,
has any important change in position
taken place.

Petrograd reports that the Russian
cavalry army continues on the of-
fensive against the Turks in the Black
Sea district of Asia Minor. Constan-
tinople, in acknowledging the capture
of Trebizond by the Russians, says the
town already had been evacuated in
anticipation of its capture, the Turkish
troops withdrawing "in accordance
with instructions to a sector where
they will have a new task to fulfill."

Another defeat of the British in the
Tahiti region near Pelaitia, reported
by Constantinople. The British are
declared to have been forced, with
heavy losses, from the positions they
had occupied, and compelled to retreat
westward.

STUBBORN INFANTRY FIGHTING
RAGING IN VERDUN REGION

BERLIN, April 21 (via London).—
The War Office announcement of to-
day says that on the Verdun front
stubborn infantry fighting is still be-
ing carried on.

The situation following
Verdun front's stubborn infantry fight-
ing developed in conjunction with a
great increase of activity on the part
of the artillery on both sides. West
of the river, the French made an at-
tack with large forces against Le Mort
Homme (Dead Man's Hill) and to the
east thereof. In general, these at-
tacks were repulsed with sanguinary
losses to the assailants. The fighting
is still going on for a small portion of
a trench in the vicinity of Champe-
wood, which the French penetrated.

"To the right of the Meuse efforts of
the enemy to recapture the stone
quarry south of the villa of Haudrem-
bert were entirely fruitless. South of
Fort Dominant, fighting developed at
close quarters during the night
around some French trenches, and is
not yet ended. A repetition of the
enemy's infantry attack against our
lines at Champe-wood failed at the
very outset, on account of our strong
and concentrated artillery fire."

"In the Vaux sector, on the Woivre
plain, and on the heights southeast of
Verdun, very lively artillery activity
was the rule of the day on both sides,
as heretofore.

"An aeroplane of the enemy fell to
the earth in flames in Fuming wood,
southwest of Vaux.

"Near Grubimovka, the Russians in
another vain attack suffered severe
losses, amounting to about one regi-
ment."

NINE KILLED BY MADMAN

Landsturm Infantryman, Who Becomes
Insane While in Charge of Police
Post, Fires Scores of Shots.

LONDON, April 21.—Nine persons
were killed and many wounded in a
street in the outskirts of Vienna by
Leopold Fichter, a Landsturm in-
fantryman, who became insane while in
charge of a police post, says an Amster-
dam dispatch to the Exchange Tele-
graph Company.

The Vienna firebrand, called in an
effort to subdue the madman, played
the hose on him while he fired sixty
more shots at them before dropping
his weapon.

BALTIMORE EXCURSION TO-DAY
VIA YORK RIVER LINE STEAMER "CITY OF
ANNAPOLIS" 1:30 round trip.

Speeding Up Work in All Navy-Yards

More Planned as Test to See
How Quickly Vessels Can Be
Restored to Normal Condition.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Orders to
speed up overhaul and repair work on
vessels of the Atlantic Fleet have been
sent to the commandants of the various
navy-yards by Secretary Daniels. In
case of labor shortage the command-
ants are instructed to expedite the
work by employing the ships' person-
nel.

The move was planned as a "pre-
paredness" test to see how quickly the
vessels could be restored to normal
condition after their strenuous winter
battle practices and maneuvers.

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt has
been in conference with officials of the
New York Yard, attempting to arrange
for the employment of a sufficient force
of mechanics and other skilled men to
operate that plant on a night-and-day
schedule.

Secretary Daniels said the officials
were experiencing great difficulty in
securing laborers at government wages,
and also by delay in delivery of ma-
terials ordered for repair work and con-
struction of the vessels now being
built. Offers of better pay and ad-
vantages of extra work at double time,
he said, were attracting the workmen
to private employ, and creating scar-
city of labor in the yards.

MEMORIAL D. A. R. SERVICE

Delegates Observe Good Friday by
Joining in Tributes to Mrs. Wal-
worth and Mrs. Burrows.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, April 21.—The De-
legates to the Daughters of the Ameri-
can Revolution congress, observed
Good Friday by not transacting any
new business, but in listening to the
reports of the work in the States by
the State records. To-night there
was a memorial service at Continental
Hall in honor of Mrs. Ellen Rodin
Walworth, founder, and Mrs. Julius
Cassius Burrows, wife of the former
senator, who was corresponding sec-
retary-general and honorary vice-pres-
ident of the society. Both Mrs. Wal-
worth and Mrs. Burrows died since
Christmas.

To-morrow the much-threshed-out
magazine matter will come up under
the head of unfinished business. There
will be a determined effort on the part
of the administration forces to
have the magazine published in Wash-
ington instead of New York. It is
expected there will be a heated debate
on the floor.

LONE BANDIT ROBS TRAIN

Escapes With About \$250 From Express
Safe and Mail Pouches Near
Alexandria, La.

ALEXANDRIA, LA., April 21.—The
express safe and mail pouches on the
Louisiana Railway and Navigation
Company's passenger train which ar-
rived here early to-day were robbed
south of E. L. Phillips, express mes-
senger, stated a lone bandit committed
the robbery and escaped with about
\$250. Phillips was taken to a hospital,
suffering from wounds about the head
inflicted by the robber.

Phillips said the robber was not
masked. He leaped from the train
near here. The police said a man
answering the robber's description was
seen around the Mansuria station last
night. No trace of the bandit had been
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American Note.

BRIEF TALK WITH VON JAGOW

Count Bernstorff Strongly Recom-
mends to His Government That It
So Modify Submarine Warfare as
to Bring It Within U. S. Demands.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Ambassa-
dor Gerard at Berlin cabled the State
Department that he had delivered the
American note on submarine warfare to
the German Foreign Office at 4:35
yesterday afternoon. Secretary Lan-
ging said later he had not been advised
that a reply might be forthcoming.
Other officials indicated they ex-
pected it by the middle of next week.

Ambassador Gerard is known to have
entered into a brief conversation with
Foreign Minister von Jagow, after de-
livering the communication. Although
the contents of the second message, re-
ceived late to-day from Mr. Gerard,
were closely guarded, it is understood
that the ambassador informed the de-
partment he had been assured im-
mediate consideration would be given to
the note.

It became known to-night that sev-
eral messages have been received from
Ambassador Gerard during the past
day or so.

It was stated authoritatively that
they transmitted only expressions of
editorial opinion from German news-
papers.

DIS